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"ANNE OF GREEN GABLES."

*Founded on the four "Anne" books*

~~Story~~ by L. M. Montgomery.

Scenarized by Frances Marion.

*Adapted by William Desmond Taylor*

Anne a pretty little orphan girl, quite by accident becomes a member of the Cuthberts household at Green Gables. Marilla Cuthbert and her brother Matthew are lonely and they decide to adopt a little boy But the orphanage makes a mistake and sends them pretty, spirited little Anne.

At first Marilla, her heart so set on having a boy, is disappointed, but it is not long after her arrival that Anne rules both Marilla and Matthew. In fact everyone loves Anne but a certain Mrs. Pie, the village gossip and her daughter, Josie, who dislikes Anne instinctively and are extremely jealous of her popularity.

Time passes quickly, and does much for Anne. Her imagination is her strong point, and she uses it constantly, and often amazes the Cuthberts with her sayings.

One day while sitting under a tree shelling peas, a big apple drops right on Anne's head. She jumps up spilling the peas, and discovers Gilbert Blythe in the tree laughing <sup>saucily</sup> down at her. (Gilbert is the real boy of the story.) He jumps down and she chases him until she catches him and then pummels him with both her fists as hard as she can.

Just at this time the Rev. Mr. Figtree, Mrs. Barry and her daughter Diana, have come to invite Anne to their Sunday School picnic. Anne rushes out to them and they tell her about the picnic. She is delighted, and throws her arms about Diana.

After Diana, --- her mother and the minister depart, Marilla sends Anne to her room for spilling the peas and chasing Gilbert. On



the way up to her room, Anne is attracted by some ostrich feathers and a scarf in Marilla's room, goes in and dons them before the mirror, pinning the scarf with a brooch she finds in the pin cushion.

Gilbert angry at Anne, goes to Josie and takes her out, parading with her under Anne's window and laughing loudly at nothing. Anne looks out and is furious to see Gilbert with Josie. She rushes to the wash-stand, gets the pitcher of water and throws it on their heads. As she is laughing hilariously at what she has done, Marilla comes in and catches her. She makes her take the things off and chases her to her own room and then locks her in.

The day of the picnic arrives, and Anne in her room is bedecking herself in garlands of flowers. Marilla looking for the brooch misses it and at once thinks Anne must have taken it again, she accuses her of it but Anne denies it. The brooch has been pinned in the scarf and put away in the trunk. Marilla tells Anne she cannot go to the picnic until she confesses what she has done with the pin. So Anne confesses to having taken and lost it. Marilla angry then tells her she must not go out that day and locks her in.

And when she is sure Marilla is gone, climbs down the window, and goes to find the picnic grounds. On the way she discovers a skunk in the bushes, mistakes him for a cat, and pets him. When she gets into the village and asks people where the picnic is being held, they all run from her. She runs on and on until she finally reaches the picnic grounds. There like in the village the people all run from her, and she is left alone amidst cakes, sandwiches, and a whole can of ice cream. She eats all she can and then goes home. Marilla punishes her severely and sends her to sleep in the attic. But later she finds the brooch and goes up



and apologizes to her.

Few more years pass, Anne at school and in the midst of an admiring crowd of girls, tells them of a new game they can play. Then shows them a book of Stevenson's poems and picks out "The Death of Elaine" as their new play. They go down by the river's edge, and get an old raft that serves as the funeral barge of Elaine, and steals some of Mrs. Pie's flowers for the floral pieces, and her scarecrow for the "dumb man."

While this is going on, Gilbert who is anxious to get into Anne's favor, takes his entire one dollar and sixty-five cents, and gives it to Jumbo Pie, brother of Josie, to deliberately insult the girls, and allow Gilbert to beat him up. Jumbo calmly walks up to Anne snatches the book of poems from her hand, tears it up and throws it in the river. Gilbert appears on the scene at this time to avenge the girls (particularly Anne's) injured dignity. He beats Jumbo up and is ready to collect his dues from Anne, when Mr. Pie arrives on the spot and pushes Gilbert away and leads Jumbo home by his ear.

The girls left along once more continue with their play. Anne takes her place on the barge, and is slowly floating down the river, when the barge is caught up by the swift current, and for a while it looks very much as though Anne would perish. The girls run to the village for help. While they are gone, Gilbert rescues Anne and later goes to the village jewelry shop and buys a ring which sometime later he places on Anne's finger and runs away.

In answer to the girls' call for help the villagers arrive at the river, and Matthew is among them, but when they see the barge on the rocks they are convinced Anne has been drowned. They drag the river but of course they do not find her. Matthew finally goes home to tell Marilla, but when he gets there he finds Anne perfectly well and happy, and very much alive.



Years pass and Anne graduates from high school, a proud and a very beautiful girl. On their way home she tells Gilbert her life's dream will be realized when next year she will go to College. Gilbert has taken up medicine and is now under the village doctor's wing.

But news comes to the Cuthberts that the bank in which they kept their little savings has failed and the shock kills Matthew. Anne left alone with Marilla to care for applies for the position of the village school teacher. Josie who is still her enemy for she loves Gilbert, begs her father who is a member of the school board to use his influence and prevent the appointment. But despite the opposition Anne is given the appointment.

Josie then puts her little brother Anthony up to cause all the trouble he is capable of for Anne, which is considerable.

Meanwhile Marilla has gone blind, and the village doctor holds out hope for the restoration of her sight, if a specialist could be called. Anne works hard to save money for this. Finally she decides to sell their only cow for a sum that will enable her to do this. The cow has been a constant heart sore to her, for she always goes into the Pie garden and eats all the flowers. Pie has threatened to kill it. In her effort to sell the cow she mistakes Pie's cow for her own and sells his, whereupon, he tells everyone she tried to steal the cow.

Finally the day of Marilla's operation arrives. Anne is very nervous hearing the children's lessons. Anthony sees the little girl in front fondling a cat and he grabs it, and is about to wring its neck, when Anne arrives at his desk. She switches him several times about the limbs and then sticks him in the clothes closet. Anthony climbs out of the window and runs down the street, hitches on a wagon, falls and breaks his arm, then goes home and tells his



parents Anne did it.

Pie rages up and down the village, and of course is successful in convincing the villagers of the wrong done him. They join him, and all go down to Anne's house.

Marilla's operation is over, and the doctor says it will be successful if absolute quiet is maintained.

The crowd arrives and storms the front door. It takes Gilbert with the aid of a shot gun to move them. Pie demands that Anne go with him to his house and face Anthony which she does. But when they arrive there the Rev. Figtree is there and he calmly tells them of Anthony's accident on the street when he hitched on the wagon, which he himself witnessed. Anne delighted goes home with Gilbert.

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